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ORE SHIPMENTS FOR THE PAST YEAR

Large Increase in Fluor Spar—Mining in Golconda District—Price of Zinc Ore at Joplin.

Bloomfield who has been somewhat actively interested in the Golconda District for several years, has let contracts for prospecting his Wetherington property.

The production of fluor spar in 1902 was 26,311 tons, valued at \$1,555, as compared with 19,583 tons, valued at \$113,803 in 1901, an increase in value of 15.59 per cent.

During the past year there was an increase throughout the country of 27.65 per cent. of zinc. The output in 1902 amounted to 158,000 tons, valued at \$14,390,650, as compared with 140,822 tons, valued at \$11,265,769 in 1901.

The Grand Pier Lead and Zinc Mining Company, and the Compensated Mining and Milling Company, both located in the Golconda mining district, are, it is stated, raising ore in good quantities even during the Klondike weather we have been having lately.

The Livingston Banner reports that the Pittsburg Fluor Spar Mining and Manufacturing company has struck a "rich vein of lead" a few miles above Smithland, on the Cumberland river. This is the place where that barge loaded with 500 tons of fluor spar was sunk.

The Cumberland Courier says the Diamond Core Drilling Company will be incorporated at \$10,000, and that considerable work has already been applied for. The organization will contract for depth desired at reasonable rates, and it should interest prospectors who have outcrops of mineral and desire to know the status of the veins below.

The McClelland properties in the Golconda District are being actively pushed. A car or two of fluor spar has been shipped to the Illinois Steel Company from one of the openings and at the "Lead diggings" considerable blended carbonate of zinc and galena is being uncovered. A shipment from this point may be anticipated shortly.

\$750,000 is the capitalization of the Pope-Hardin Mining Company, with headquarters at Golconda. Messrs. A. W. Walker, John O. Williams, Ed. B. Clark and Wm. H. Moore are the incorporators. They are all business men of Golconda. Mr. Clark being the cashier of the State Bank, and is known throughout financial circles as careful and conservative. It is stated that this company has already acquired some flattering prospects in the Golconda district.

Harrisburg (Ill.) advises state: While prospecting for zinc and lead on the holdings of the Big Four mining and prospecting company, eight miles south of this city, N. W. Ferguson struck a five foot vein of the finest quality of blumbago, used in the manufacture of lead pencils, stove polish, lubricants, etc. This is something unexpected in Southern Illinois, and is causing considerable excitement in Saline county. It is said there are only two other districts in the United States where blumbago is found.

Dixon Springs near Golconda will likely open with some improvements this summer. This resort is beautiful in its forest and glens, but as seating and sleeping are as necessary as scenery to the average human, we hope the foddering places and the sleeping resorts will be fixed up a little.

The Golconda, (Ill.) district is assuming considerable importance in the mining circles. Golconda is practically the shipping point for a large extent of territory and has all the facilities necessary for the extensive business that seems to be already at hand. The State Bank, with its enterprising and wide-awake president, Mr. John Gilbert, Jr., is ready at all times to furnish the financial assistance necessary in any legitimate enterprise that has its initial movement in the Golconda district. The business men of this splendid little city by the river, are more than glad to welcome new comers in any branch of industry. The Illinois Central R. R., has its trains running regularly into Golconda and with all the push and go that characterize the men over there the future has a very rosy hue.

Reports from Joplin say:

The curtailment of output during the holiday week, which was due to the general shut down of the leading mines of the district, agreed upon the conference held in December resulted in the smallest shipment of zinc ore made during the past three years. The price paid was on a \$30 or \$31 base with \$33.50, the highest price reported during the week. Reports from the export movement show it to be making satisfactory progress.

Generally speaking, the producers of the district are encouraged by the prospects for the future. There continues to be a fair demand for properties, three changing hands this week at a total consideration of \$115,000.

Robt S. Lanyon, who has been a familiar figure throughout the district, died Tuesday after a lingering illness. He was one of the Lanyon Brothers, who first entered the zinc smelting industry in Wisconsin and afterwards in the Joplin field by operating coal smelters in the Kansas gas fields.

People living in mining camps who are looking for useful and profitable New Year resolutions, are offered two good suggestions, says the Daily Mining Record. They should appoint themselves committees of one to (1st) see that a movement is started to have their camps adequately represented in the mineral exhibit of the St. Louis Exposition; and (2d) to see that complete production and dividend statistics are compiled in connection with their camp for publication to the world.

Mrs. W. A. Wilson, wife of a miner living near Joplin, while in search of a missing child one day this week, discovered the child in a cave beneath the house, which had opened during the night. The cave was opened up further to get the child, and when the father entered to get the child he discovered that the walls and roof were studded with jack. Now he is prepared to prospect the site upon which the house stands.

THE NEW ADDITION.

Letter to a Personal Friend from A Business Man.

The following letter was written by one of our most prominent business men in reply to an inquiry regarding the Reed building lots and mining shares addressed to him by a personal friend. We reproduce it in answer to many inquiries of the same nature received at this office:

"DEAR SIR: Your letter asking about the city lots and mining shares offered for sale by Col. Roberts, was duly received. You will make no mistake in investing in these lots and shares at the price he asks for them. He bought 123 acres of the Reed farm, which is located about half a mile from the post office, and is a slightly location, on high, rolling ground, with really grand scenery to the south and east, and in my opinion will be the favorite residence portion, the Fifth Avenue of this wonderful, enterprising money making city. One corner of this land is located in 150 feet of where our new railroad and grounds will be located, the new St. Louis-Nashville short line of the Illinois Central will pass right through this land. The outcrop of the three great veins of mineral is so much greater than at any other place in the district that it has excited the surprise of every mining man here, and every one of them has already purchased one or more of the building lots and the mining shares that go with the lots.

Twenty-three acres of this land have been set apart for mining purposes, and the erection of a big mining and separating plant; 100 acres is devoted to building purposes, and the laying out of broad streets and ample alley ways.

The mining company will own the 23 acres, and the entire mineral rights underneath, together with \$5,000 for mining purposes, while the lot owners will own not only their own lots absolutely, but will also own the mining company. It is one of the soundest and most attractive plans that I have ever met with, and I have, with many others here, invested in two lots and 2,000 shares of the stock, which I believe will be worth ten times the amount paid as soon as mining operations are commenced upon either one of these big veins. Truly yours,

This week the contract for a portion of the construction work on the White River railroad which is to tap the North Arkansas lead and zinc field, has been let southeast from Carthage, Mo., which is to be the northern terminus of the road. The first letting includes the construction work from Carthage to Aurora, thus allowing the Gould road to enter that camp, which to date has been supplied with railroad transportation by the Frisco system.

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A gentleman of Marion says that when coming down from Chicago the other day on the New Orleans limited, a fresh young man made himself rather obnoxious to one of the lady passengers—so much so that she exclaimed in rather a loud tone, "You are no gentleman." A tall, good looking man sitting in the rear of the car, evidently heard the remark and made for the talkative chap who, catching a glimpse of the movement started for the car door, but just before reaching it he was raised on the toe of a No. 10 boot and shot half way through the upper glass of the door, descending on the double sash, completely knocking the wind out of him. After being hauled out and laid out on the floor he finally recovered sufficiently to ask, "Did he kill anybody else?"

The following composition is by one of the younger scholars in a district school in the vicinity of Poseyville, Indiana. It seems to recall some half-forgotten memories of either Omar Khayam or Ben Butler; think it sounds more like the latter, on account of the spoons:

"Once on a time there was an odd cage built for a bird. The bird was a black headed Pigeon. Around this cage was many wires. These wires could talk. Some times what the wires said would make the Pigeon sad. At other times the wires would make her mad. One wire always made her glad. This wire came from the Court. It was called the chocolate cream wire because it said such sweet things.

One day when the Pigeon was awfully tired of all these wires except the one from the Court, she thought how nice it would be to live in Harmony, and not get sad or mad but to be always glad. So away she flew and it was not until the Pigeon was miles away that a tender heart was pierced at the thought of such a separation."

Everybody in Marion and the surrounding country always have a hearty welcome for Bro. Price, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. It is not putting it too strong to say that everybody, men, women and children, have a very true and strong affection for this gentleman. Bro. Price is built upon very narrow lines physically, nature evidently having it in mind to put her choicest wares in small packages. Anyhow, he is exceedingly spare and thin, and his weight would perhaps not exceed 90 pounds. In telling of a recent visit to Louisville Bro. Price said that he has a very good friend in that city, a practicing physician by profession, who has had in a corner of his office for several years a well strung skeleton. Making it a point to always call upon the doctor when in the city, he happened in one day and found that the skeleton had been removed. One of those sharp little merchants of the street, a newsboy, who had been delivering the evening papers to the physician for several months, and who was well acquainted with the interior of the office, called as was his custom with the latest edition. As he was turning to leave Bro. Price, who had accidentally taken the same position that the skeleton had previously occupied says: "Here, son, give me a paper." The boy looked at him a moment with dilating eyes, and said, as he hurried out: "Go way, go way, I know you even if you have got clothes on!"

The Building Lots!

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D. C. ROBERTS,

**Treasurer,
MARION, KENTUCKY.**

Mr. P. S. Maxwell's office in the court house yard is a center from which radiates a large amount of financial assistance to those who find themselves in need of money. This assistance is always on tap, in either large or small doses, provided of course that the collateral is beyond reproach. The office is also a gathering place for almost everybody, with the possible exception of Republican politicians. Mr. Maxwell being the Chairman of the County Democratic committee, as a rule he prefers not to listen to the Republicans plan to elect another United States Senator in place of our esteemed townsman, Honorable W. J. Deboe. He naturally believes that such efforts are a pure waste of lung power and muscle.

The other day a farmer from down near the west end of the county dropped in and requested a loan of a hundred and fifty dollars. As the applicant was well known to be reliable and perfectly good for the amount, Mr. Maxwell while making out a note for the gentleman to sign, incidentally asked: "How many children have you, Sid?"

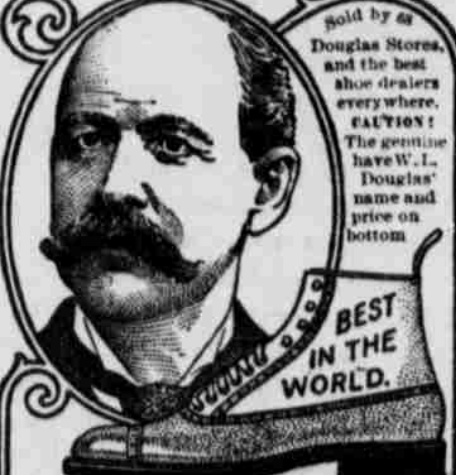
Sid was sitting, one leg crossed over the other, and the question seemed to take him a little by surprise.

"Well now, let me see," he replied, as he counted on the fingers of his left hand, "It's either seven or nine, Mr. Maxwell, but I declare I forget which. I think it's either seven or nine," he musingly said, and an expression of relief passed over his face as he considered. "Anyhow it's an odd number, and it may be eleven."

More to the point was the reply of a lady caller in the same office on another day, who was asked if she had any children. Her reply, "Yes, I have five daughters" and

before she could complete her sentence she was interrupted with, "and no sons?" "Oh yes," she says, "every one of my daughters has a brother." This seemed rather to stagger her questioner, who exclaimed, "Ten children?" "No, not ten; only six, five daughters and one son," she sweetly replied.

Virginius Frayser, City Atty, for the city of Cave-in-Rock, Ill., in a conversation said: In the spring of '98 I was attacked with the chills and after trying about half a box of Hill's Anti-Malarial Tablets I was entirely cured. This would be the case in many instances if only you would give them a trial. Price 25c at all the stores in the county.



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